



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
HENRY CARO NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY
MANEUVER SENIOR LEADER COURSE
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-2202**

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ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Maneuver Senior Leader Course Students

SUBJECT: Welcome from the M-SLC Branch Chief

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend M-SLC. You have demonstrated to your subordinates, peers, and superiors that you possess the qualities and attributes of a Platoon Sergeant.
2. The course is divided into two phases. Phase one is called Maneuver Common Core. In this phase, students will learn in small groups consisting of all four MOS tracks and study administration, leadership, and warrior skills applicable to all. In Phase two, you will enter into MOS specific material. While in MOS specific, you will complete a five day FTX. Tactical evaluations will be completed on each Student as they demonstrate proficiency in the 21st Century Soldier Competencies while in a field environment, or utilizing the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, and Virtual Battlespace Simulator (VBS2).
3. You will find the course to be challenging and very rewarding. The curriculum is demanding and constantly updated due to the "Global War on Terror". The program of instruction (POI) is updated with current doctrine and technical advances through student feedback from recent experiences through operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Therefore, the sharing of your experiences and knowledge of current TTP's will open many discussions within your small groups, enhancing the readiness of our Noncommissioned Officer Corps.
4. We understand the pressure that this course puts upon the Students. I am committed to doing everything within my realm of control to ensure you successfully complete this course. This memorandum, and the documents that accompany it, will provide you with valuable information required prior to your arrival. Please read this memorandum and the accompanying documents carefully. Normally, the information included will sufficiently answer any of your questions. However, if after carefully reviewing these documents, you have additional questions feel free to call the M-SLC Operations NCO at: DSN 835-0226/0227 or Commercial (706) 545-0226.

5. Visit the Students Documents Webpage at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/25057422> for pertinent information and necessary documentation for enrollment.

6. Again, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection. M-SLC is a demanding, challenging, and extremely rewarding course. The Henry Caro Noncommissioned Officer Academy is renowned as one of the finest training facilities available Army-wide. I am sure you will find the course to be everything you expect and more. I look forward to officially welcoming you upon your arrival. Godspeed and have a safe trip.

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